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Marlene H Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT Docket No. 99-87/RM 9332

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In behalf of Iowa County, Wisconsin this is to express support for the petition for reconsideration as filed by the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) and other public safety organizations in the above referenced proceeding regarding mandatory migration to narrowband operations on land mobile radio systems in the VHF High Band (150-170 MHz) and UHF (421-512 MHz) frequencies.

While the eventual move to narrowband is understood and it is assumed that our system will be subject to substantial costs the short timeframe now proposed would create an almost impossible situation for improvement proposals currently underway for our existing system.

Our current effort to better coordinate communications and mutual aid communications as a part of the interoperability effort as related to current anti-terrorism planning would be considerably hampered by such an early effective date.

It would certainly be appreciated if the rule proposed for January 2004 could be extended to a later date in the interest of allowing current communication enhancement efforts in existing systems to proceed, financial considerations to local government entities and compliance capability

Thank you for your time and consideration

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth Palzkill

Kenneth Palzkill, Director
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